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Training Division

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Department of Public Safety Academy Cadets to Graduate September 15th *Sixteen to promote to statewide officer positions for NHP, Capitol Police & Parole & Probation*

Carson City~After 25 weeks of intense instruction, cadets from the Department of Public Safety Academy will graduate on Friday, September 15th at 10:00am at the Nevada National Guard Armory at 2460 Fairview Drive in Carson City.

“This graduation ceremony marks the successful completion of a very tough academy,” said DPS Director George Togliatti. “These cadets endured scenario based training concepts and academic testing that emphasizes personal ethics in law enforcement, a structured and disciplined adult learning environment, teamwork and individual achievement. They are now ready to begin their field training and their new careers as DPS Officers.”

The DPS academy curriculum includes accident investigation, use of force, defensive tactics, communication skills, “Survival Spanish,” first responder training, search and seizure, traffic law, DUI, firearms training and cross training for DPS division specific instruction.

Follows are the cadets’ names, hometowns and duty stations:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Hometown</u>	<u>Duty Station</u>
Travis Baker	Wellsboro, PA	Parole & Probation-Reno
Kevin Bonnell	Van Nuys, CA	Parole & Probation-Reno
Benton Daniel	Henderson, TX	Capitol Police-Carson
Michael Davidson	Pismo Beach, CA	Nevada Highway Patrol-Reno
Birdella Gibson	Smith Valley, NV	Parole & Probation-Reno
Michael Gocke	Tehachapi, CA	Nevada Highway Patrol-LV
Randall Graham	Encino, CA	Parole & Probation-Reno
Desiree Mattice	Reno, NV	Parole & Probation-Reno
Wendy Maxwell	Alamogordo, NM	Parole & Probation-Reno
Scott Morron	Hartford, CT	Nevada Highway Patrol-Reno
Justin Mounts	Wheeling, WV	Parole & Probation-Reno
Gregory Prestipino	Woodstock, IL	Parole & Probation-Reno
Barbara Stapleton	Port Hueneme, CA	Capitol Police-Carson
Joseph Thum	Columbus, OH	Parole & Probation-Reno
Mariah Tuthill	Jacksonville, FL	Parole & Probation-Reno
Andrew Wintersteen	Wooster, OH	Nevada Highway Patrol-Moapa

For more information about the DPS Training Division graduation or recruitment information, contact DPS PIO Kim Evans at 775-684-4554.

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